

Automated Communication Exchange System – ACES Release Notes – May 22, 2001

On the evening of Tuesday, May 22, 2001 a new release of ACES will be implemented. This release will correct previously identified errors in the Internet Forms and Participant Inquiry functions. The following is a listing of the changes that will be reflected on the morning of Wednesday, May 23, 2001.

HEALTH

1. **PARTICIPANT CHANGE** – In the past, when a user submitted two changes in the same transaction under the Participant Change function (e.g. changing a participant's address *and* their birth date), one of the changes was not being applied.
 - You will now be able to submit multiple changes in the same transaction under Participant Change and both changes will be applied and reflected.
 - **NOTE:** The detail report will reflect two separate transactions, even though you submitted two changes in one transaction.
2. **NEW HEALTH ENROLLMENT** – If an employee had two appointments and the employer attempted to submit a New Health Enrollment, ACES would link the new enrollment to the “older” appointment, not the appointment with the agency that was attempting to submit the transaction.
 - This error has been corrected so that ACES “checks” the organization of the user submitting the transaction and attaches the New Health Enrollment to that appointment.

RETIREMENT

1. **APPOINTMENT CHANGE** – When an employer attempted to separate an employee that had two active appointments, they could not separate from the appointment that was established first.
 - This error has been corrected so that ACES “checks” the organization of the logged in user (or the user submitting the transaction) and separates the employee according to the user's agency.

PARTICIPANT INQUIRY

1. **MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS** – Previously, when a member permanently separated and withdrew their accumulated contributions, Participant Inquiry indicated a status of “Yes” under the heading Member; however, this should have indicated “No,” since a person's membership terminates when they take a refund of contributions.

The screenshot shows the 'View Participant Information' window. At the top right, it says 'Extract Date/Time: 05/21/2001 04:03'. Below this is a green header bar with 'Participant Inquiry' and a 'Clear' button. The main area contains several fields: 'SSN: 889 01 1176' with a 'Get Data' button; 'As Of: 05 / 21 / 2001'; 'Name: John Wilson'; 'Birth Date: 8/12/1952'; 'Gender: Male'; 'Member: Yes' (highlighted by a red arrow); 'Retiree: No'; and 'Death Date:'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Employment' and 'Summary'.

- This error has been corrected and ACES will now display a status of “No” under the Member heading when contributions have been withdrawn, unless and until the person returns to active membership.

2. **60002 COVERAGE GROUP (relevant to schools only)** – When employees had more than one coverage group shown in their “history”, the Participant Inquiry screen displayed the oldest coverage group instead of the most recent group.
 - This has been corrected so that the coverage group displayed is always the most recent coverage group.